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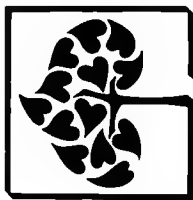
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From the Desk of the President

INCOME AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF CONGRESS

The basic income of \$42,500, plus fringe benefits of at least \$8,500 for a total of \$51,000 per year exceeds the income of 99.5% of all American taxpayers!

This is the beginning. As we further dissect our "representatives" a more interesting story unveils.

Salary allowance: This is based on the number of constituents. Top allowance for Senators is \$586,160 and \$165,168 for house members. A single staff member is allowed up to \$30,600 per year.

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Trips Home: Free round trips home are 18 a year for House members, more for Senators. In addition 20¢ per mile for getting to and from Washington at the start and finish of a session.

There is a law which no longer requires a detailed public disclosure of how Congressmen spend money on overseas junkets!

Retirement: (Better take another drink or valium now and relax.) May retire with as little as 5 years of service at 12.5% of full income or up to 80% of full salary after 32 years of service in Congress, which can amount to \$34,000 per year.

Telephone calls and Telegrams: Based on number of constituents. This can be as high as \$20,000 per year for Senators from larger states. This fringe benefit allows up to 40,000 minutes of long distance talking or 160,000 words of telegrams for every 2 years. In addition there are unlimited long distance calls in evening hours and all day on weekends.

Living allowance: May deduct up to \$3,000 from taxable income for each year while living in Washington.

The guide line for salary increases during the various "Nixon phases" was approximately 5.5%. One year ago (1973) Congress was talking of increasing their salaries a full 25% from \$42,500 to \$53,125! At the same time they were considering significant increases for Federal judges, members of the Cabinet and other top-ranking officials. Public opinion probably prevented this.

Congress' last raise in 1969 was from \$30,000 to \$42,000 and not to \$50,000 as originally planned. President Johnson reduced it to \$42,500. Thus Congress planned a 60% increase in salary.

Stationery allowance: \$4,250 per year per member for purchase of office supplies at reduced rates. Not all use this but rather draw the money in cash!

Office furniture and equipment: \$5,000 to furnish and equip office plus additional \$1,500 for draperies.

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Editorial

SEVEN YEARS LATER

As a respite from PSRO, MAI, HMO, QAP, MVHPA, etc., I thought you would like to be informed as to what has happened to the first group of high school honor students that were given recognition by our Mahoning County Medical Society back in 1967. Through the good offices of our executive secretary, Howard Rempes, an attempt to trace the forty-six students was made. Thirty-two responses were received. Of these, four are now in their last year of medical school and one is in veterinary medicine. Four more are in medical technology or nursing. All but three went on to higher educational levels, with many acquiring masters degrees, and several more working toward Ph.D's. Most of them continued their high grades in college, graduating summa cum laude, and cum laude. In fact, one who is presently completing a Ph.D in astro physics, has maintained a 4. average all the way. One is in the army after getting his bachelors and masters degree in Engineering. The majority are married as is the trend today among the younger groups and those without children are either working or furthering their education. All in all, I feel that if the succeeding groups do as well as our first one, that the future of our country will remain in good hands (that is, if our politicians leave them one). I couldn't resist that last dig.

—Louis Bloomberg, M.D.
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In Memoriam

ENRICO DI IORIO, M.D.

1890 - 1974

Dr. Enrico DiIorio, general practitioner, died at the age of 84 at his home in Pietrabbondante, Campobasso (Isernia), Italy, on July 8th.

Dr. DiIorio was born in Pietrabbondante. He was educated in Italian schools and interned and took postgraduate work in Naples colleges and hospitals.

During World War I, Dr. DiIorio served in the Italian army and was decorated by its government. In 1938 he was appointed a knight of the Order of Royal Crown, Victor Emmanuel III.

In 1922 he came to Youngstown and established an office for the general practice of medicine. For many years his office was at 1109 Central Tower building. For two years in the 1930s Dr. DiIorio served as president of the Italian World War Veterans unit here. He was a member of the Order of Sons of Italy.

In 1964 he was honored with the 50-year pin and certificate presented by the Ohio State Medical Association. In 1969, after frequent visits to Italy, he retired to the town of his birth. He was elected an honorary member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and never forgot Youngstown, having corresponded regularly with the medical society office up to the time of his death.

Dr. DiIorio is fondly remembered by his many friends, especially among the Italian community, and by his patients and colleagues.

JOHN L. SCARNECCHIA, M.D.

1903 - 1974

Dr. John L. Scarnecchia, OB-GYN, died of cancer on Tuesday, July 16 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was 68.

Dr. Scarnecchia was born at Steubenville and grew up in Benwood, W. Va., where he attended St. John School, and graduated from Cathedral Military Academy as president of his class and commanding officer of the battalion.

He received his medical degree at Georgetown University in 1929. Following internship at Georgetown Hospital and a residency at North Wheeling Hospital, he came to Youngstown engaging in the general practice of medicine.

In 1942, Dr. Scarnecchia was commissioned a captain in the medical division of the Air Corps. He served in the European Theater as a flight surgeon attached to an Air Corps base hospital. Following his discharge in 1945 he completed a three-year residency in gynecology and obstetrics at University Hospital in Cleveland and returned to Youngstown.

A member of the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital since 1931, he served as director of the Department of OB-GYN in 1956 and 1957. He was a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons and member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

As a member of the advisory board of the Ursuline Sisters, he was instrumental in raising funds for the new motherhouse. He was also a member of the advisory board of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart and active in their Cinquanta Club since its inception. He presided annually at the banquet for patrons of the club.

Dr. Scarnecchia had a reputation as a sculptor and an artist. He designed and executed the cover currently being used on the Medical Bulletin of St. Elizabeth Hospital. In 1963 his medical building at 1100 Belmont Ave. was selected to receive the civic improvement award for design presented by the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. He managed the medical society *Bulletin* at its inception.

His favorite leisures were horses and gardening. He was a past president and member of the Mahoning County Saddle and Bridle Club.

Dr. Scarnecchia's passing is mourned by his many friends and patients and by his fellow doctors who will long remember him as a fine physician.

"JUST WHAT IS PSRO, ANYWAY?"

The above question is going to be posed more and more by patients as the deadline for PSRO implementation grows nearer and nearer. Doctors have a wealth of reading material, both pro and con, coming across their desks, but the public is not that well informed.

Dr. John G. Grego states in the April 27th issue of the Bulletin of the Allegheny County Medical Society, "As I review the progress of the political planning on PSRO, I am alarmed that an almost complete 'blackout' of news on Public Law 92-603 exists for our patients and the general public."

In an attempt to rectify this, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons has prepared a pamphlet for use in physicians' offices. It is called "PSRO, The Great Political Sickness Rip Off," and may be had in quantities at a cost of approximately 10¢ each by writing to the Association at 2111 Enco Drive, Suite N515, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521.

Physicians in Mahoning County have been solicited by an organization called Region Six Peer Review Corporation, which has received a grant from HEW to plan and develop a PSRO for a six county district which includes Mahoning, Summit, Stark, Trumbull, Columbiana and Portage counties. More information on this organization is being made available in the form of a report from a special meeting of all county medical societies in the Sixth District, OSMA, held at Congress Lake on Wednesday, August 7th. Both the Ohio State Medical Association and the Mahoning County Medical Society are on record, via resolutions, as seeking repeal of the PSRO law.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES

One of the important changes in the practice of medicine (I hate the term "Delivery of Health Care") besides HMO's and PSRO's, is the new role of the Family Physician.

I should say the "Primary Physician" because that also includes the Internist and the Pediatrician. The primary physician sees the patient first because the patient chose him and has confidence in him. He can handle most of the patient's problems by himself.

But when the problem is complicated and serious and the patient is hospitalized, the primary physician may need special help.

Doctors know doctors. The primary physician knows who is the best specialist to help his seriously ill patient. So he calls the cardiologist, the surgeon, the neurologist or the psychiatrist or whomever will help. The recovery of the patient is the important thing.

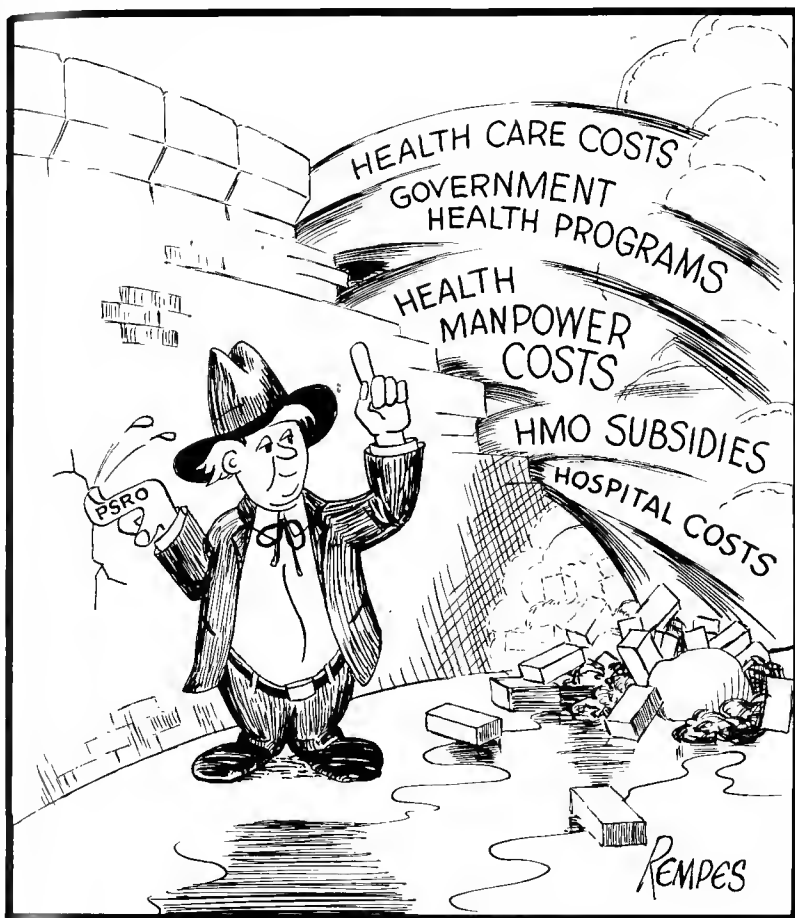
But that does not mean that he has surrendered or abandoned or turned over the case. The specialist used to think so or behave so but those days are over. The primary physician expects not only a perfect performance from the specialist but a share in the care of the patient and an adequate and current report of the activity, verbal or written.

When the anxious family wants to know what the score is, they call the family doctor and he is the one who should tell them. When the surgical case is operated on, they like to have the surgeon stop on the ward and tell them what he found and what he did. That is good public relations. But many times when the family tries to get information from the specialist they are frustrated. That is not the specialist's task, they should get the story from their family physician.

What I am trying to say is that the primary physician is the central figure in birth, health, life, sickness and death. Highly trained and skillful, he can care for most health problems he meets. He knows whom to call for special help. He is the mediator, the counselor, the confidant, the confessor and last of all the one who closes the book. Don't underestimate his importance.

—J. L. F.

BOY AT THE DIKE REVISITED



"This will stop the flood!"

PHYSICIANS SUE TO STOP PSRO

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons continues to pursue their lawsuit challenging constitutionality of PSRO and the organization is now convinced that this is the most feasible means of abolishing the law.

In the July issue of the AAPS News Letter, the association announces that it will continue to press the lawsuit to abolish PSRO; "will continue to work for congressional repeal of the law; will continue to expose misrepresentations about PSRO spread by HEW officials and others, and will continue to disseminate the truth about this vicious and punitive law by distribution of the AAPS News Letter, pamphlets and other materials."

Donald Quinlan, M.D., president of AAPS, was speaker at the October, 1973, meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

CANCER MEETING NEXT MONTH

The Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society will hold its fourth annual Cancer Symposium on Wed., Sept. 11, 1974, at the Fawcett Center For Tomorrow, Columbus. Topic for the day-long meeting is "New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approaches to Cancer".

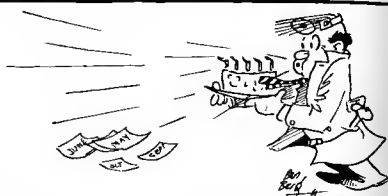
The symposium is designed for all physicians, interns, and residents who deal with cancer in any form. Such new approaches as radioisotope techniques to identify sites of tumors, tumor staging and prognosis, evaluation of immune system in cancer patients, and recent results in combination chemotherapy will be discussed.

Also included will be a discussion on immunotherapy, specifically the immunotherapy of skin cancer and BCG immunotherapy.

Visiting faculty will come from all corners of the U.S. and will include Frederick Eilber, Director of Oncology, Center of Health Science, UCLA, Calif.; Lowell Edwards, Chief, Clinical Services, Oak Ridge Research Institute, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Charles Coltman, Chief, Hematology-Oncology Service, U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas; Edmund Klein, Head of Dermatology, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Norman Zamchek, Chief Associate Clinical Professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass. Seven outstanding Ohio physicians will also serve on the faculty, including Bernard Aron, Professor of Radiology, University of Cincinnati; and Albert F. Lobuglio, Professor of Oncology, Ohio State University, both American Cancer Society professors of clinical oncology.

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MEMBERSHIP TIME IS HERE

The summer months are "membership time" at the medical society office as applications pour in from doctors fresh out of residency or from those choosing summertime to make a change in location.

The normal progress of a new application is as follows: First the application is read at a meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society. This is merely for information and no vote is taken at that time. Next, the application is given to the Board of Censors who check it carefully for authenticity. It is then taken to the next meeting of Council and is there voted upon. Notification of acceptance is then printed in the next issue of the *Bulletin* along with the minutes of Council. All members then have fifteen days in which to consider the applicant and voice a protest in writing if they have any qualms about him. Fifteen days after publication, there having been no objections, the applicant becomes a member.

In practice, here is the way it works: A doctor sending in an application during the summer may expect to have it read at the September meeting of the Society. It is then brought to the October meeting of Council. If approved, notification appears with the minutes published in the November *Bulletin*. Since the *Bulletin* is always published on the 10th of the month, this means that all memberships begin on the 25th of the month. The summer doctor then becomes a member on Nov. 25th.

In accordance with the constitution of the Mahoning County Medical Society, a physician joining this organization must also become a member of the Ohio State Medical Association, of which we are a component. If he wishes to join the American Medical Association, he will be given the opportunity to join. A bill for all three organizations is sent to all members, new and old, each year.

The first membership in the Medical Society is known as Associate membership. After twelve months the associate member makes application for Active membership, which includes voting privileges. There are three other types of membership: Intern-resident membership is, as its name implies, for hospital staff physicians and there is no charge to them for membership. Non-resident membership is for out-of-county physicians who have membership in their own county medical society and wish to attend our meetings and receive our *Bulletin*. There is a nominal charge of \$10 per year for this membership. Honorary membership is accorded to those members who have retired from the active practice of medicine.

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I have been discussing the Congress that passed "socialized medicine" — PSRO, men who say doctors make too much money. The average doctor in the U.S. makes approximately \$38,000 per year. This is the Congress that froze fee increases of American doctors and sought a 60% increase for themselves. These are the men doing nothing about America's Number One Disease - - Inflation.

The answer is to remove the "dead heads" from Washington (which would be a large majority) and replace these members of Congress with honest, responsible and dedicated men that will return the free enterprise system, freedom for Americans and a balanced budget. We must get rid of too many irresponsible members of Congress, crime, pollution, and especially, inflation.

A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman thinks of the next generation. We need statesmen, not politicians, in Washington!

—John C. Melnick, M.D.

CPT IN THIRD PRINTING

The third edition of "Current Procedural Terminology" is now available from the American Medical Association at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

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CPT may be ordered directly from the American Medical Association.

Did You Know . . .

The Mahoning County Medical Society is a medical information bureau. In most cases the office can provide you or your medical assistant with the names and addresses of physicians or hospitals anywhere in the United States, with contact persons at the AMA, the OSMA, and all Ohio county medical societies, with information about volunteer health agencies and allied health professions in the Youngstown area, and with information about medical organizations and meetings on a national basis. For any medical information, phone the Medical Society office, 747-4956.

DR. NATHAN BELINKY IS NEW CORONER

Dr. Nathan D. Belinky has been named coroner for Mahoning County by the County Central Democratic Committee following the death of former coroner, Dr. David A. Belinky.

Dr. Belinky named Dr. William R. Johnson to the post of chief deputy coroner and named two new deputy coroners, Dr. Joseph Mersol and Dr. Paul W. Weiss.

Dr. Belinky was formerly chief deputy coroner, a post which he held since 1952.

He has been active in veterans' affairs and joined Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8841 in 1946. Since then he has held every surgeon's office in that organization of the local, district, county and state levels.

Dr. Belinky was born in Youngstown. He graduated from Oak Street, Lincoln and East High schools and received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1939.

DR. INUI AT TALIHINA

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Inui, who recently left Youngstown to work with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians in Oklahoma, have reported pleasure in their new work in a letter to the medical society office.

Dr. Inui is a surgeon at the Indian Hospital run by the U.S. Public Health Service in Talihina, Okla. He has seven young physicians working with him.

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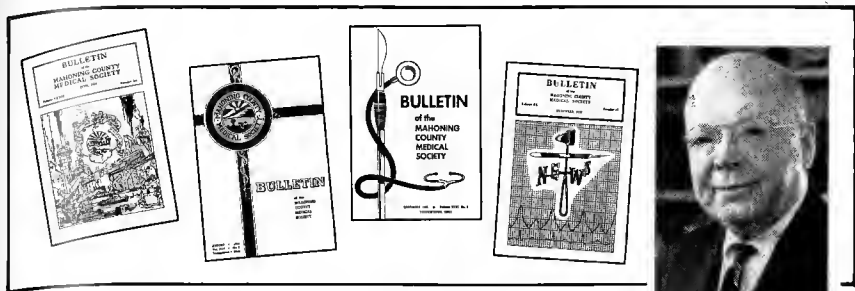


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FORTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1934

The Committee said "If you don't come to the Golf Day you'll hate yourself!" Well, nearly 100 came and the report said "from the outward appearance of all present we feel the depression is over or else the New Deal has changed gloom to laughter. Bill Welsh won the prize for low gross and Pat Kennedy for low net. Peter Boyle, Paul McConnell and Ed Goldcamp won prizes for Blind Hole.

Only us old timers remember those fine doctors. Pat Kennedy is still here. He was the Chief Surgeon then for the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1944

Penicillin was released by the War Production Board in limited amounts for civilian practice. It was recommended for sulfonamide-resistant pneumonia, gonorrhea, meningitis, syphilis and bacterial endocarditis. The dose recommended was 40,000 to 50,000 units a day but in serious infections 100,000 to 200,000 units might be necessary. The only form available was the crystalline in vials to be diluted in sterile water, kept refrigerated and made fresh every day.

Doctors in the Armed Services had been using Penicillin since 1942. Note the low dosage.

At the annual golf tournament, prizes were won by George McKelvey, Elmer Wenaas and Paul Harvey.

Fred Schellhase was in New Guinea with the 5th Air Force. Sidney Keyes was promoted to Captain. Al Brandt was on the sick list.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1954

Penicillin was plentiful and everyone with a cold was getting a shot. The spirochaetes were in full flight but the sensitivities were building up and a day of reckoning was coming.

Pat Cestone became a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Robert A. Jenkins opened an office in Poland for the practice of medicine. Bernard Schneider moved into his new medical building in Hubbard. Robert Foster opened his office at 42 Oak Hill for the practice of orthopedic surgery.

TEN YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1964

President Schreiber wrote: "As doctors we have two primary obligations. One is to our patients; to be the best doctors we can be. The other is to our country; to be the best patriots we can be. The two are intertwined. We cannot long have one without the other."

Howard Rempes had a very interesting historical article about Dr. Charles Fowler who was one of the founders of our Medical Society. In the Civil War he was captured and confined in Libby prison in Richmond. Any history buff should get this issue and read about him.

Richard Murray's sculpture of Orpheus and the Furies was installed on the lawn in front of the Medart Building at 2125 Glenwood. It was carved from Carrera marble imported from Italy and still graces the scene there.

There were 524 babies born in Mahoning County in June. Twenty seven cases of German Measles were reported. Twenty exhibitors were signed up for the Health tent at Canfield Fair. Summer was nearly over.

—J. L. F.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

There is considerable controversy today over generic vs proprietary medication.

The cost of drugs receives a great deal of attention from Medicare and Medicaid who foot the bills for a large number of people.

But in my private practice, patients seldom complain about the cost of the drugs I prescribe.

There is an element of psychology there and it is well founded. Briefly, it is this:

1. If it is expensive it must be good.
2. If it is cheap it must be inferior.
3. If it is free, watch out!

There is a solid basis for such belief. Before the age of antibiotics a case of pneumonia took ten visits. Now it can be cured by two visits. Scarlet fever took ten visits and now there is hardly any, cured at the first visit. Gonorrhea took ten office treatments, now it is cured at the first visit at one-tenth the cost.

That has little to do with generic vs brand-name drugs but it does prove that expensive drugs like the antibiotics save money for the patient.

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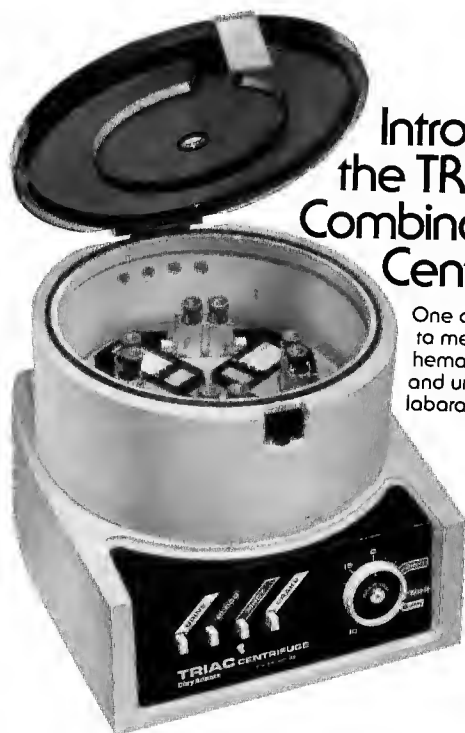
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